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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL TO THE MALDIVES

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS AMENDED DCM LEVIN'S TRAVEL ORDERS TO  
ASSIGN HIM ADDITIONALLY TO MALDIVES AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY.  
NOTICE OF PERSONNEL ACTION HAS BEEN POUCHED. AS DESCRIBED  
REFTEL B, CHARGE DEBOLD SHOULD NOTIFY MALDIVIAN GOVT. OF  
HIS REPLACEMENT BY LEVIN AS CHARGE.

2. CONCERNING ASSIGNMENT OF OTHER USG PERSONNEL TO  
MALDIVES, DEPT. UNDERSTANDS AND APPRECIATES DISTINCTION  
EMBASSY HAS MADE BETWEEN ASSIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION OF  
PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER IN CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THIS KIND, WE ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO ASSIGN CON-  
CURRENTLY TO A SECOND COUNTRY IN WHICH WE HAVE NO RESIDENT  
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REPRESENTATION (IN THIS CASE MALDIVES) U.S. PERSONNEL WHO  
HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN ASSIGNED -- AS WELL AS ACCREDITED IN  
SOME DIPLOMATIC/CONSULAR CAPACITY -- TO THE FIRST (IN THIS  
CASE SRI LANKA). TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, CIRCUMSTANCES  
HAVE NEVER ARISEN IN WHICH WE SAW FIT TO ASSIGN PERSONNEL

CONCURRENTLY AND IN PURELY FUNCTIONAL CAPACITIES TO A

COUNTRY IN WHICH THE U.S. IS NOT PHYSICALLY REPRESENTED. OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT ONLY U.S. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED AND ACCREDITED IN DIPLOMATIC/CONSULAR CAPACITIES TO ONE COUNTRY (THE ONE IN WHICH WE ARE PHYSICALLY REPRESENTED) COULD HAVE ANY LOGICAL REASONS TO ASSUME SUBSTANTIVE OR OTHER OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN A SECOND (WHICH WE ARE NOT PHYSICALLY REPRESENTED).

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD DELETE FROM ITS LIST PRESENTED IN REFTEL A THOSE USG EMPLOYEES (ALL AGENCIES) WHO DO NOT NOW POSSESS DIPLOMATIC/CONSULAR TITLES IN SRI LANKA AND WHOSE WORK RESPONSIBILITIES DO NOT REQUIRE ASSIGNMENT TO MALDIVES. DEPT WOULD THEN CONSIDER THE ABBREVIATED LIST WITH VIEW TO AMENDING, AS APPROPRIATE, ORDERS PERTAINING TO THE STATE PERSONNEL INVOLVED.

4. NOTION OF ASSIGNING OTHER (I.E., NON-STATE) U.S. PERSONNEL CONCURRENTLY TO SRI LANKA AND MALDIVES MUST OF COURSE BE LEFT TO INITIATIVE OF AGENCIES CONCERNED. WE WOULD EXPECT THEM, HOWEVER, TO ADHERE TO GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN PARA 2 ABOVE. IN NO RPT NO CASE COULD DEPT AGREE TO ASSIGN TO THE MALDIVES U.S. PERSONNEL WHO ARE ASSIGNED ONLY IN PURELY FUNCTIONAL CAPACITIES TO SRI LANKA. VANCE

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